

THE GIFT AND HONOR OF MISSION:

In honor of BumKoo Chung's passion for the ministry of the Gospel, bringing good news to people in word and deed, we encourage the support of ministry in Sierra Leone through the service of Dorcas Kamanda. Rev. Bumkoo Chung was asked if there was a ministry that he would like to see the West District support. He responded that he would like to support Dorcas Kamanda's work in Sierra Leone.

They have the only UMC Secondary School, and Church, in the particular remote area of Sierra Leone of this ministry. The NarSarah clinic was created because there was no health care facility for 75-mile radius after the war (Sierra Leone's "blood diamonds" **helped fuel atrocities in the impoverished West African nation in the 1990s** as seen in the Hollywood film, "Blood Diamond"). Today the area has a government hospital with only two doctors to over a million people.

The Ebola outbreak in 2014 and high maternal death rate has and continues to contribute to the increase of orphans and countless destitute children. With no place for children to play, they are helping Devin Harwell of Colorado to develop children's village called MamaLand. This village will be specifically for housing and raising orphans. *Note that MamaLand was my "Fruitful Project" to meet one of the requirements for ordination as an Elder. The village will also be opened to other children for playing.*

The needs in the programs are many.

These are:

1. The school: School chairs and tables; Some classroom walls need repairs; funds to continue school lunch programs after the current funds they have finishes. Several of these children, walk miles just to school. This will be the only food until they return home.

2. The Church: Bibles and UMC Hymnals.

3. MamaLand: Support a child 100/month. Currently there are 20 children. The oldest is 13 and the youngest is 4 years. Only Five currently have sponsors.

4. Clinic: Needs drugs, a delivery room and operating room bed and light. (Many pregnant women come to the clinic for delivery of their babies; they need to hire a full-time medical doctor salary \$700/month, (many more critically ill patients are coming to the clinic than before); a Portable low radiation X-Ray Machine. X-Ray not available for over 300 miles radius.

(In March, our Clinic director, Peacemaker Kargbo, had a bike accident and sustained fractures in his left arm and left leg. He had to be flown to neighboring country, Ghana, because his broken leg got infected to where live maggots were coming out of the fractured left leg. Dorcas sustained pain in her right side from getting water from a drum to put in the bucket. She treated it with Extra Strength Tylenol for over two weeks with very little to no relief. Instead, the pain worsened, and started radiating into her right shoulder. She had to come to the US only to be told, she has a compression fracture and Arthritis.)

The needs are many as they trust God and God's plan.